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In response to the Final Official Action of October 17, 2007, in which a three Americant

month shortened statutory period was set to expire on January 17, 2008, Applicants

respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejection set forth

in the above-mentioned Official Action in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Applicants' Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this Reply.

Applicants' Remarks begin on page 12 of this Reply.